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1. IN JANUARY 13 WORKING GROUP MEETING TURKISH TEAM
CHIEF ASULA BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF NATO/SOFA EXTENSION
SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTY U.S. ARTICLE VII(2). HE
EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH GOT COULD LIVE WITH A TEXTUAL
REFERENCE TO SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS, THE LAST
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PHRASE OF THE EKRAGRAPH TYING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS INTO THE

PRACTICE OF OTHER ALLIES WAS POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE U.S. CAN CONSIDER SUCH PRACTICES IN DETERMINATION OF ITS REQUIREMENTS AND THE GOT WILL CONSIDER THE REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. WHILE POINTING OUT THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION AT THIS MEETING TO MAKE A FORMAL OFFER OF ALTERNATE LANGUAGE, HE SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING FORMULATION OF PARAGRAPH TWO FOR THE U.S. SIDE TO THINK ABOUT.

BEGIN TEXT: THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT AND THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENT OF JUNE 19, 1951. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THIS AGREEMENT. END TEXT.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF THIS LANGUAGE, U.S. TEAM EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT THE UNILATERAL ISSUANCE OF CIRCULARS BY GOT (AS CONTEMPLATED IN TURKISH JANUARY 6 DRAFT, REF A) WOULD NOT SATISFY U.S. REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS. ASULA, WHILE SEEMINGLY ACKNOWLEDGING THIS POXHASON, SAID THAT HE LIKED U.S. PHRAS "SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS" AS "ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT AGREEMENTS*" (ASULA REPEATED GOT OPPOSITION TO REFERENCES IN IHIS AGREEMENT TO SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE CONCLUDED SUBSEQUENT TO GOT APPROVAL OF THE BASIC DOCUMENT.) U.S. TEAM CHAIRMAN STRESSED BOTH IN THE MEETING AND IN A SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE ASIDE WITH ASULA THAT HIS INTERPRETATION OF OUR LANGUAGE WAS NOT CORRECT AND THAT, WHEN THE U.S. USED "SUPPLEMENTARY ARRANGEMENTS," IT MEANT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

3. WHEN PRESSED DURING THE EXCHANGE, U.S. TEAM SAID THAT OMISSION OF EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO SUPPLEMENTARY "AGREEMENTS" IN TEXT OR TO ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF ACTUAL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE CONCLUDED PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT. ASULA SEEMED INTRIGUED BY THIS POSSIBILITY BUT NOTED THAT EXTENSIVE TIME MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS. U.S. TEAM STATED THAT U.S. SOFA REQUIREMENTS WERE CLEAR CUT AND COULD BE GRANTED WITHOUT DELAY.

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4. COMMENT: WHILE ASULA'S SUGGESTED LANGUAGE SEEMED TO BE AN HONEST EFFORT ON HIS PART TO SOLVE THIS ISSUE, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY FURTHER RESPONSE WHOULD AWAIT DISCUSSION BY PRINCIPALS IN ACCORDANCE REF B. IN MEANTIME, WASHINGTON COMMENTS REQUESTED REGARDING POSSIBILITY MENTIONED PARA 3 ABOVE. UNLESS WE ARE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE TASK OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENTS RELATED TO

THIS ARTICLE PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT, WE PREFER
NOT RPT NOT TO GIVE ASULA FURTHER OPPORTUNITY KOR
TACTICAL PROBES ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME.
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